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In re Patent Application of :)
Carol L. ERDMAN) Group Art Unit: 3761
Application No.: 09/987,196) Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
Filed: November 13, 2001)
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING ZONED AREAS OF HYDROPHILICITY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 19, 2002, in the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an one-month extension of time until January 19, 2003 be granted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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